GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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VACANT POSTS IN CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Administrative and Judicial members lying vacant in different Central Administrative Tribunals (CAT);

(b) the measures taken by the Government to fill up the vacancies;

(c) the number of cases getting delayed due to the vacancies of the judges in different CATs alongwith the details of those pending in different benches of the CAT;

(d) whether there exists any mechanism to shift some of the members temporarily from one Bench to other for resolving pending cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Planning and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) : 03 posts of Administrative and 05 posts of Judicial Members are lying vacant in different Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunals as on 26.11.2010. Vacancies have been advertised for selection as per the provisions of Administrative Tribunals (Procedure for appointment of Vice-Chairmen and Members) Rules, 2006.

(c) : Since inception in 1985, up to September, 2010 a total of 566,706 cases have been filed in the CAT, out of which 543,877 have been disposed off reflecting a pendency of about 4%. As on 30th September, 2010, 22,829 cases were pending in various Benches of CAT as per details enclosed. The average pendency of a case in CAT is approx. 1 year.

(d) & (e) : Yes, Sir. Under section 5(4)(c) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, Chairman, CAT is empowered to authorize Members appointed to one Bench to temporarily discharge the functions of another Bench.